

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Note: paragraph numbers referred to herein are with respect to the published application (US 2002/0165990 A1, published Nov. 7, 2002).

Please amend paragraph #0001 as follows:

-- This application is ~~co-pending with and claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 as to its common subject matter the filing date of patent application Ser. No.~~ a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Nos. 09/637,742, filed Aug. 11, 2000, now Patent No. 6,633,761, and patent application Ser. No. 09/657,745, filed Sep. 10, 2000, now Patent No. 6,691,227.--